

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA SENATE 61st LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON HIGHWAYS AND TRANSPORTATION**

**Call to Order: CHAIRMAN JOHN BRUEGGEMAN**, on January 15, 2009 at 3:00 P.M., in Room 405 Capitol.

#### **ROLL CALL**

##### **Members Present:**

Sen. John Brueggeman, Chairman (R)  
Sen. Bruce Tutvedt, Vice Chairman (R)  
Sen. Greg Hinkle (R)  
Sen. Jim Keane (D)  
Sen. Rick Laible (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. David E. Wanzenried (D)  
Sen. Jonathan Windy Boy (D)  
Sen. Ryan Zinke (R)

##### **Members Excused:**

Sen. Bruce Tutvedt (R)  
Sen. Jesse Laslovich (D)  
Sen. David Wanzenreid (D)

**Members Absent:** None.

**Staff Present:** Libby Goodwin, Committee Secretary  
Tammy McGill, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

##### **Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: SB 152, 1/8/2009; SB 168, 1/12/2009  
Executive Action:

**HEARING ON SB 168**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:03:50 **SEN. RYAN ZINKE (R), SD 2**, opened the hearing on **SB 168**,  
Revise highway and transportation laws.  
[EXHIBIT](#)(his09a01)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:06:55 John Wilson, Whitefish Public Works Director

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:07:58 None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:08:08 Jim Lynch, Director, Montana Department of  
Transportation (DOT)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:13:29 Sen. Keane  
00:13:34 Jim Lynch, DOT  
00:15:39 Sen. Keane  
00:15:55 Jim Lynch, DOT  
00:16:23 Sen. Hinkle  
00:17:05 Jim Lynch, DOT  
00:17:59 Chairman Brueggeman  
00:18:22 Jim Lynch, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:18:50 Sen. Zinke

**HEARING ON SB 152**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:21:19 **SEN. JOHN BRUEGGEMAN (R), SD 6**, opened the hearing on **SB 152**,  
Revise motor vehicle registration and driver's  
license laws.

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:22:05 Brenda Nordlund, Motor Vehicle Division, Department of  
Transportation (DOT)  
[EXHIBIT](#)(his09a02)

00:31:48 Bruce Spencer, Montana Automobile Dealers Association  
00:32:34 Jane Hamman, AAA Montana, Montana Traffic Education  
Association  
00:33:20 Ronda Wiggers, County Treasurer's Association  
00:34:07 Clyde Daly, Montana Credit Union Network

**Opponents' Testimony:**

00:34:40 None.

**Informational Testimony:**

00:34:44 None.

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:34:48 Sen. Keane  
00:34:56 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:35:17 Sen. Keane  
00:35:57 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:36:05 Sen. Keane  
00:36:10 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:36:44 Sen. Keane  
00:37:05 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:37:47 Sen. Keane  
00:37:54 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:38:19 Sen. Keane  
00:39:04 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:41:12 Sen. Keane  
00:41:32 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:42:12 Vice-Chairman Laslovich  
00:43:40 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:46:30 Vice-Chairman Laslovich  
00:47:27 Brenda Nordlund, DOT  
00:49:03 Vice-Chairman Laslovich  
00:49:42 Sen. Laible  
00:50:47 Brenda Nordlund, DOT

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:52:09 Sen. Brueggeman

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 4:00 P.M.

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LIBBY GOODWIN, Secretary

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Additional Exhibits:

**EXHIBIT ([his09aad.pdf](#))**